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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system for the selection and subsequent receipt of audio signals over a common carrier such as the Internet or a telephone line by a user. The audio signals are those of a short story or other type of a narrative and may be received in real time and listened to while being received, or they may be compressed, as desired. Various methods whereby the user can subscribe to the system are disclosed. Apparatus disposed at the location of the user allows for the receipt and subsequent listening of the narrative. A transceiver and figurine which are adapted to respectively transmit and receive the audio signal, are provided. The audio signal file is transmitted by the transceiver to the figurine, which receives it and which is also adapted to enunciate the narrative for listening, such as to a child in a crib.